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thick, and it will be a sufficient support for the tree, while it will keep the soil free from weeds, and preserve the moisture throughout the summer. Nothing serves so well as the mulch to keep the tree in place and give it the chance to grow. Past mulch that has been dug up a year is very good to be mixed with the soil that is to come in contact with the roots—and this much means a good purpose, to place on the surface around the tree, as it retains moisture and keeps the soil light.

Much care is requisite to place the roots of young trees right at first. They should be spread out and placed as nearly in the